

Agency 070 - FOSTER CARE REVIEW BOARD

STATUTORY AUTHORITY:

As Nebraska's IV-E review agency, the Foster Care Review Board collects, evaluates, and disseminates data, utilizes trained citizen volunteers to review the plans, services and placements of children in out of home care at least every six months to assure children are safe, secure, and moving into permanent homes, disseminates the FCRB's findings, takes legal standing and/or attends court on cases where the FCRB believes the children's best interests are not being met, visits foster care facilities to ascertain if a child's psychological, physical & sociological needs are met, and sponsors educational programs as outlined in §43-1301 to §43-1321, Rev. Stat. Nebr., 1942, (1983 Cumm. Sup.), and the federal Adoption Assistance and Child Welfare Act (PL 96-272).

VISION:

The vision of the Foster Care Review Board is that every child and youth in out of home care live in a safe, permanent home, experience an enduring relationship with one or more caring adults, and have every opportunity to grow up to become a responsible, productive adult. The Board works to ensure this by tracking children, reviewing cases, visiting facilities, and taking legal standing on cases where the Board believes the children and youth's best interests are not being met. The Board collects data, disseminates data and findings through the annual report, community meetings, and legislative hearings.

MISSION AND PRINCIPLES:

The State Foster Care Review Board's mission is to ensure the best interests of children in out-of-home care are being met through maintaining up-to-date data on a statewide tracking system, external citizen review, disseminating data and recommendations through an Annual Report, monitoring facilities that house children and youth, through legal standing, and organizing and sponsoring educational programs.

GOALS:

The Board accomplishes fulfilling its Statutory Authority, vision and mission by fulfilling the following goals:

Track all children in foster care (Neb. Rev. Stat. 43-1303)

Review the plans of children in foster care (Neb. Rev. Stat. 43-1308, 43-1312)

Report information on children in foster care (Neb. Rev. Stat. 43-1303)

Work to promote the best interests of children placed in foster care (Neb. Rev. Stat. 43-1303, 43-1308, Neb. Rev. Stat. 43-1313, & Neb. Rev. Stat. 43-1317)

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Financial Data

	FY10 Actual	FY11 Approp	FY12 Request	FY12 Recomm	FY13 Request	FY13 Recomm
Operations Funding						
General Fund	1,369,148	1,357,694	1,357,694	1,228,021	1,357,694	1,251,449
Cash Fund	1,181	5,700	5,700	5,700	5,700	5,700
Federal Fund	316,779	651,043	400,000	651,043	400,000	651,043
Revolving Fund	0	0	0	0	0	0
Other Fund	0	0	0	0	0	0
Total Operations Funding	1,687,108	2,014,437	1,763,394	1,884,764	1,763,394	1,908,192
Aid Funding						
General Fund	0	0	0	0	0	0
Cash Fund	0	0	0	0	0	0
Federal Fund	0	0	0	0	0	0
Revolving Fund	0	0	0	0	0	0
Other Fund	0	0	0	0	0	0
Total Aid Funding	0	0	0	0	0	0
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PROGRAM DESCRIPTION:

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- collects, evaluates, and disseminates data,
- utilizes trained citizen volunteers to review the plans, services and placements of children in out of home care to assure children are safe, secure, and moving into permanent homes,
- disseminates the board's findings to the legal parties,
- takes legal standing and/or attends court on cases where the board believes the children's best interests are not being met,
- visits foster care facilities to ascertain if a child's psychological, physical & sociological needs are met,
- sponsors educational programs.

PROGRAM OBJECTIVES:

Maintaining a computerized tracking system on all children and youth in out-of-home care

Collecting and verifying information on children and youth in out of home care

Reviewing the plan, services, and placements of children in out of home care

Making findings based on the review and the rationale for these findings

Sharing the findings with all legal parties to the case

Promoting safety, security and permanency for children

Improving the foster care experience for children

Attending court

Visits to foster care facilities

Organizing, sponsoring and participating in educational programs

Disseminating information on children in out-of-home care

Releasing an annual report containing the data collected, an evaluation of such data and recommendations

PERFORMANCE MEASURES:

As Nebraska's IV-E review agency, the Foster Care Review Board tracks all children in foster care, utilizing trained citizen volunteers to review the plans of children in foster care and inviting participants to the review, works to promote the best interests of children placed in foster care through disseminating the Board's findings, attending court, visiting children in their placements and by advocating for children on an individual and systems level, and reporting information on children in foster care as outlined in §43-1301 to §43-1321, Rev. Stat. Nebr., 1942, (1983 Cum. Sup.) The Board determines the outcomes and results of the program through the measures outlined in the supporting documentation.

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